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SUBJECT: DESALINATION MISSION

REF: A. MCCAULEY/HORAN TELCON 14 MAY B. JIDDA 3280

1. FROM REF A TELCON AS WELL AS PREVIOUS TELEGRAPHIC EXCHANGES, IT IS CLEAR THAT MISSION GOALS AND PRINCE MOHAMMED'S REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT COMPATIBLE AT PRESENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH USDOC'S REQUEST, EMBASSY PLANS TO ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN TO PRINCE MOHAMMED THE PROBLEMS AND ATTITUDES OF U.S. CONTRACTORS. AS THE PRINCE WILL NOT RETURN TO SAUDI ARABIA UNTIL THE END OF MAY AND WILL AGAIN BE DEPARTING JUNE 14 FOR CONFERENCE AT KEY LARGO, FLORIDA, PLANS FOR MISSION VISIT MUST BE PUT IN ABEYANCE UNTIL ISSUE OF EXPECTATIONS HAS BEEN SETTLED AND NEW POSSIBLE TIME FRAME DETERMINED.

2. ALTERNATIVELY, USDOC MAY WISH TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE MEETING OF COMPANIES WITH PRINCE MOHAMMED IN THE U.S. DURING HIS VISIT THERE IN JUNE, EITHER AS ADJUNCT TO KEY LARGO CONFERENCE OR ELSEWHERE.

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(EMBASSY WILL HOPEFULLY HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EX-

PLAIN POSITION OF U.S. CONTRACTORS BEFORE THEN.)
IF THIS APPEARS FEASIBLE, PLEASE PROVIDE DESIRED
LOCATION, DATES, AND FRAMEWORK FOR MEETING BY MAY 28,
AND WE WILL MAKE PROPOSAL TO MOHAMMED.
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